

# RECOGNIZING THE JEZEBEL SPIRIT

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I Kings 21:5-15 - Whenever an individual or church becomes prophetic, the devil sends a Jezebel spirit to try and stop them.

Jezebel:

- a. Killed God's prophets.
- b. Worshiped Baal - sexual immoralities, orgies.
- c. Controlling Ahab - husband.
- d. Threatening letters to the prophet.
- e. Control through fear - deception.
- f. Wrote letters through husband's name

\*\*\* We have been commanded to cast out devils. Matthew 10:1-12; Luke 10:17; Mark 16:17

Revelations 2:20-22 - Problem in a lot of places.

## **Spirit Of Jezebel Will Try To Control:**

Matthew 18:33-34

Can manifest through a man or woman. A Jezebel is not necessarily a strong woman, who wears a lot of makeup and jewelry. Most people have that spirit because of being controlled through relationships of the past. It can be parents, grandparents, husband, wife, etc. who institute the control.

1. It controls people through intimidation and fear.
2. It wants to get into certain positions.

E.g. Assoc. Pastor, Assistant Pastor, song leader, secretary, treasurer, sound man, singer, or musician.

3. They are very gifted people, who look like what you need. They are usually multi-talented individuals. When it is in a couple, that couple has many talents.

Initially they are tremendous people, faithful, attend all the meetings, and fully support the vision and volunteer their services.

They support you with their lips, but their heart is far from you. After a while they start talking to people of influence in the congregation. They say things like this, "I'm concerned about the Pastor, the finances, and the way things are being handled."

3. Jezebel was not a Jew.

Her father's name was "Ethbaal." He was the high priest of Asteroth. He got his throne by murdering his brother, "Phelles".

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The marriage of Ahab to Jezebel was suppose to be in Israel's favor. A marriage of political benefit, but the benefit became control of Israel and Ahab through false religion.

4. Jezebel brought her own gods with her, Baal and Astheroth.

Astheroth was female counterpart of Baal. She stood for fertility and was represented as a nude woman with a lily in one hand and a serpent in the other. She specialized in sex and war. She was known as a woman who sells her favor, a prostitute. There were male and female prostitutes in her temple.

### **Jezebel Is A Two-faced Spirit:**

Jezebel comes from two different words. In the Old Testament they are friend or companion on the one side, and murderer on the other.

In the New Testament it also has two words, chaste on the one side, and continually sinful on the other.

They come across as a friend and chaste and when you feel anything is wrong with them, most people will say no not them. They are lovely people. Jezebel has a slyness and has a way of covering its tracks. It's hard to find something concrete you can confront them with. They usually make you feel like you're the one with the problem.

The murderer side comes out, not to the Pastor. He never sees that side. But it comes out to those who stand in its way to the top positions, or desires. It also seems to know those who are not bluffed by the facade, and will threaten and criticize these people until they leave the staff or the church. Generally these victims are non-confrontational people.

1. She yields to no one.

Her name also means with co-habitation. She refuses to live together or co-habit unless she can control the relationship.

2. Jezebel is attracted to weak men.

Ahab was a weak leader. He allowed his wife to wear the pants. If Jezebel is married, it will wear the pants. In Church, Jezebel will wear the pants of the area it controls, and woe to anyone who tries to stop them.\*\*\*

\*\*\* In Revelations 2:20 the Lord had this against the Church. They were tolerating a Jezebel, who called herself a prophetess. God didn't call her, she called herself.

### **Signs Of A Jezebel:**

1. You feel intimidated to spend money, and you are the boss.
  2. You are afraid to speak to a leader and yet people are complaining about them and they are going through workers like they are going out of style.
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3. There are takeovers happening in your leadership and it's the same person taking everything over.
4. You can't spontaneously do anything without having to ask this person's opinion first.
5. You are discouraged and depressed and are considering leaving the ministry, your spouse, or life itself.

### **Characteristics Of A Jezebel Spirit:**

1. Hates authority.

Hates all authority over it. Will undermine, usurp and rebel against authority figures. Loves to be honored but honors no one.

2. Control

They are submissive only to get control. They hate people they can not control and will work at getting rid of them if they can't intimidate them. Will threaten, manipulate, discourage, and entice to get control.

Don't think that giving them one area will please them. They will keep desiring more and more control. It is like a drug to them. When they get close in position to the Pastor's job they will go after it.

3. They want to control the finances.

Whoever controls the finances, controls the vision. They love to get into this position, and will lie and deceive to keep you and others thinking they are doing such a good job.

4. They control the flow of the Holy Ghost.

When these people are in the church, the righteousness, peace and joy that should be there becomes confusion, disharmony and a striving spirit. When they leave, and on the day they leave, tithes come up, souls are coming back to the Church and God moves mightily.

5. Brings a striving spirit.

Brings a striving spirit into the Church that leads to ministerial burnout. When you go to these churches, the pastor overworks you and underpays you. They don't know how to bless and look after ministry. They are striving all the time for numbers.

6. Drove Elijah to the edge.

It brings accusations and criticisms that makes the leader want to die.

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7. It has a hatred for the Pastor's wife, especially if it's in a woman.

The word "woman" in Revelation means "wife". Just as the wife eats with and sleeps with the husband, so Jezebel wants to eat with and sleep with the man of God. They sometimes put a death wish on the Pastor's wife and intimidates them. The wife is often the first to pick this spirit up in another woman but when she conveys this to her husband, he often dismisses it.

8. Has a spirit of lust that operates through them.

Jezebel was obsessively sensual, and used this to control and manipulate. Her shrines were known as legalized vice and glamorized lust. She promoted prostitution and infidelity.

### **How Has It Entered In The First Place?**

Exodus 20:5 - From the sins of parents and grandparents.

### **How Do You Get A Person Free?**

John 20:23 - Very important principle. If you forgive the sins of any they are forgiven. If you retain the sins of any they are retained.

That means - If you forgive your parents and grandparents and turn from their sins, you have let go of their sins, but if you don't do that you have retained them.

Galatians 3:13 has already given you deliverance. You have to repent of their sins and receive it.  
How To Deliver Your Church?

\*\* Jezebel hates the Prophet because he speaks the Word of the Lord. Jezebel hates prayer. Prayer binds Jezebel and when you pray for a submissive spirit in your Church, it's like Jehu's horse trampling Jezebel's body. Jezebel hates God and the grace He gives even after His servants have sinned.

### **Four Steps To Victory:**

1. Personal Confrontation - Matthew 18:15.
  2. Take witnesses to the wrong committed - Matthew 18:16.
  3. Take it to the Church - Matthew 18:17.
  4. God will honor the decision in heaven - Matthew 18:18.
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